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Ms. Alison Young  
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Dear Ms. Young:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Central File Room (CFR) received your public record request via the electronic mail on May 4, 2011, for information on the following:

PB Co., Fort Wayne, Indiana

- 1) The 2002 Pre-CERCLIS Screening and any attachments.

A search of the files within the agency has been conducted. Attached please find the document responsive to your request.

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If you have any questions or concerns please contact our office at (317) 232-8667 or [IDEMFileroom@idem.in.gov](mailto:IDEMFileroom@idem.in.gov).

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Pels:

Re: PB Company  
Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Pre-CERCLIS Screening Report

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. EPA, investigated this site as a Pre-CERCLIS Screening to determine whether the site warrants further investigation under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, a.k.a. Superfund). This site was included on a list of alleged lead smelting sites that had not previously been investigated. PB Company was listed as a facility that reclaimed lead from batteries.

PB Company was not listed with a street address IDEM staff could not determine the location of the former facility. Numerous historical industrial directories, as well as Sanborn maps, were consulted without finding any reference to the site. Thus, no sampling was conducted for the PB Company site.

IDEM does not intend to continue to investigate PB Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana unless more specific location information is received. IDEM recommends that PB Company not be entered into CERCLIS.

Sincerely,

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